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Marshall Nirenberg, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Nirenberg:

We are trying to identify the "cutting edges" in psychiatry and the behavioral sciences. We are surveying the leaders in the field and the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences at UCLA named you as a leader in the field of Neurobiology (Neurochemistry, Neurophysiology, etc.) and Behavior. We would like you to answer four broad questions, both in your identified area of special expertise and in psychiatry as a whole, including basic and clinical sciences. Having your answers will be especially important if our study is to be both complete and representative.

In answering the enclosed questionnaires don't hesitate to include individuals, events or articles which are off the beaten path. Also, while unbridled modesty is not called for here, please do not list more than two of your own publications. Finally, treat the numbers on the questionnaires as upper limits, not as minimums.

We realize that answering our questions will take time and thought, but we believe you'll find the process stimulating. If we receive a substantial return we intend to publish the results. We hope this information will alert others to up-and-coming issues, increase awareness of how colleagues perceive the significance of new developments, and aid in curriculum development for mental health educational programs.

We have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope and would appreciate receiving your completed questionnaires as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Associate Professor

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